

# Assignment of Funding to the MAG Program

MAG Management Committee  
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# Federal Requirements

- **MAG is required to develop the following in cooperation with the Arizona Department of Transportation and transit agencies:**
  - Regional Transportation Plan
  - Transportation Improvement Program
  - Unified Planning Work Program
  
- **Certification Review-Corrective Action and/or Recommended Improvements**
  - CFR Part 450.216 requires ADOT to provide revenue estimates to MAG
  - CFR Part 450.216 & 450.328 requires the MAG TIP, approved by the Governor, to be included without modification into the State Transportation Improvement Program



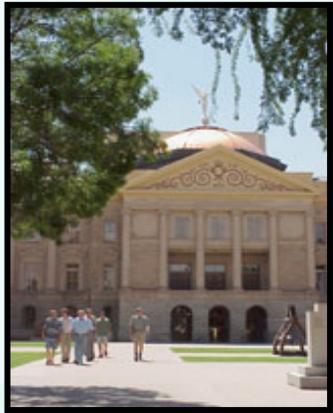
# Casa Grande Resolves



- April 1999 - ADOT, COG's & MPO's agreed to a multimodal transportation planning process
- Regionally based transportation planning & programming process
- Established a revenue allocation process with ADOT – Resource Allocation Advisory Committee (RAAC)



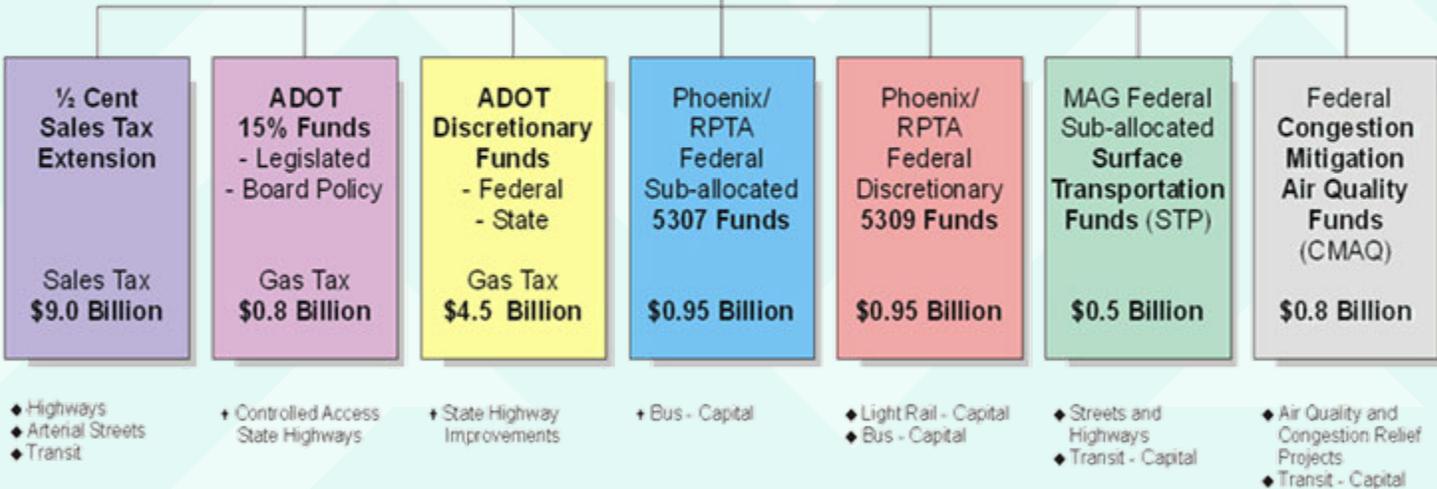
# Arizona Legislative Council General Counsel Memorandum



- To receive federal funding for projects, the state must comply with the federal planning requirements
- A legislatively developed plan would be contrary to these requirements, because the transportation plan must be cooperatively developed and approved by the MPO
- If a transportation plan is developed contrary to the federal requirements, the Secretary of Transportation can refuse to approve projects and deny federal funding
- The legislature probably could not appropriate federal monies provided for transportation projects
- A state-funded project would require a conformity determination that would have to be made by MAG

# Proposition 400

## Allocated All of the Regional Revenues Regardless of Source for 20-ys



\$ 17.5 billion Total Available  
 Less: \$ 1.8 billion for interest and ADOT commitments  
**\$ 15.7 billion Net Available**



# Above the Line – Below the Line

- The RAAC formula distributes all of the federal and state funds and they are programmed by ADOT and the regional planning agencies
- The majority of federal transportation dollars are included in the formula to ADOT and are considered below the line
- Congressional or legislative action to assign projects replaces regional decision-making with congressional or legislative programming
- Funding categories above the line at the federal level are very limited



# Transit is Different



- Some transit dollars to Arizona are similar to the highway program and are formula driven
- Significant Federal Transit Administration dollars are not formula driven and are highly competitive:
  - New & small starts for light rail, commuter rail & bus rapid transit
  - Bus capital – bus purchase, maintenance facilities, etc.



# What's at Stake?

- Arizona is unique in our cooperative relationship with ADOT
- This region not only has a 20-year plan, we also have a 20-year program
- A statewide funding formula is in place and working
- Keeping our commitment to the voters is essential to our regional credibility